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RESPONSE A

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Patent and Trademark Office action dated 07/26/2004 (Paper No.) for the application identified above.

AMENDMENTS

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the specification/disclosure:

Rewrite paragraph 0012 as follows:

The arm pad **2** comprises an elongated padded member **4** having a foam pad **6** disposed within and attached to a peripheral elastic envelope **8**. The padded member **4** has first and second open ends **4a** and **4b**, respectively. Attachment means **8a** and **8b** are provided at the first and second ends **4a** and **4b** of the padded member **4**. The attachment means **8a** is beneficially an elastic band **8e** or a belt-and-buckle **8f**. The attachment means **8b** is beneficially an elastic band **8e**, a hook-and-loop fastener **8d** on an elastic band **8c**, or a belt-and-buckle **8f**. As seen in **FIG. 1B**, the foam pad **6** is thinner at the first end **4a** than at the second end **4b** of the padded member **4**, in order not to limit range of motion of the user's arm at the shoulder. The thickness of the foam pad **6** increases continuously from the first end **4a** to the second end **4b** of the padded member **4**. The foam pad **6** may be single-layer or may comprise a plurality of layers. The padded member **4** is sized to extend over at least a substantial portion of the wearer's arm, and to accommodate arms from six to twenty-two inches in circumference. The first end **4a** of the padded member **4** is constructed and arranged to extend around the epaulet of a shoulder pad of a football player, and the second end **4b** of the padded member **4** is constructed and arranged to extend around the lower portion of the player's upper arm.

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